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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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**Part B for** ~~April~~ May 1936

**SUBJECT.**

Enquiries regarding Mr. A. N. Krishna Rao.

WD 03607—GPB—22,500—2-8-35

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| 108 | No 2145 dated 2.6.36 from the S.P. of Police. Calls for particulars re: one H.V. Krishnamachari of the Art Club with which he is connected. |
| 117 | Letter No S.B. 232 dated 16.6. from the S.P. of Police. Forwards a report re: H.V. Krishna Rao. Draft for a reply to the Residency are submitted. 20/4/36 CJG |
| 119 | PDR No. 1103 dated 21.6.36 to the Secy to the Resident. Says that H.V. Krishnamachari has not come to notice for any objectionable activities. |

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NOTE.—Contn. Sheet.

WD 03594—GPB—30,000—18-7-35

Letter No. 767 dated 25-5-36 from
the Secy to the Resident
states that Mr. H.V. Krishna Rao
has corresponded with one S. Sajjad Zaheer
of U.P. a Secy of a Communist organisation
informing him that he has made the
members of the Art Club to affiliate
it with the Progressive Writers' Association.
If approved, a copy of this letter may
be sent to the S.P. of police for information.
Submitted for orders.

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CS 1377

Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.67/1936.

Bangalore, 2nd April 1936.

CS 16-35-107

Enquiries regarding A.K. Krishna Rao.

Dear Mr. Ramanathan,

The Madras C.I.D. have asked this Residency for particulars of the antecedents and political inclinations of one A.K. Krishna Rao of Annapurna, Visweswarapuram, Bangalore City, and of the Art Club with which he is connected. Any information which you may be able to furnish regarding him would be greatly appreciated.

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2/4/36

Yours sincerely,
R. Saunders
For Major Edwards.

A.V. Ramanathan Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

2145-1/CB 16-35—108

2nd April 6

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Strictly CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Mr. Hamilton

I am desired to enclose a copy of a confidential letter received from the Residency asking for particulars regarding one A. K. Krishna Rao and to request that the information required may be kindly furnished very early.

Yours sincerely

F. A. Hamilton, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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CB 1571

D. O. No. S.B.232/35-36

CB 16-35-117

F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

April 16. 1936.

Dear Mr. Ramanathan,

Referring to your confidential D.O. letter No.2145/C.B. 16-35 of the 2nd April asking for particulars regarding one A.K. Krishna Rao and the Art Club with which the individual is connected, I write to inform that the individual whose initials are A.N. and not A.K. is the brother of Mr. A.N. Rama Rao, Advocate, Bangalore City. He is the editor of "Vishwa Vani" a Kannada Monthly and the author of several books in Kannada.

The Art Club is a Literary Club opened by Mr. Krishna Rao and it consists of a few kannada literary men.

The individual has not come to notice for any objectionable activities.

Yours sincerely,

CB
20-4-36

A.V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

D.O. Pol. 1103
C.S. 16-38-119

21st April 6

With reference to your confidential D.O. letter No.F.67 dated 2nd April 1936 regarding one A.K.Krishna Rao, I am desired to state that the individual in question (whose initials are A.N. and not A.K.) is the brother of one Mr. A. N. Rama Rao, an Advocate in Bangalore City. He is the editor of "Visva Vani", a Kannada Monthly, and the author of several publications in Kannada.

The Art Club, with which he is connected, is stated to be a Literary Club opened by Mr. A. N. Krishna Rao and to consist of a few Kannada literary men.

I am to add that it is reported that this individual has not come to notice for any objectionable activities.

Major C.G.N. Edwards, I.A.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble
The Resident in Mysore.

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Strictly Confidential
D.O.No.F.67/1936.

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.
25th May 1936.

CB 16-35-125

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26-5-36

A.K. KRISHNA RAO.

My dear Mr. Ramanathan.

Will you please refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No.Pol.1103/CB.16-35, dated the 21st April 1936, about Mr. A.N. Krishna Rao. The Madras C.I.D. report that Krishna Rao wrote to a well-known Communist, S. Sajjad Zaheer of the United Provinces, who is the Secretary of the All-India Progressive Writers' Association, Allahabad - an organisation of Communist origin and proclivities - informing him that he would persuade the members of his Art Club to affiliate it with the Progressive Writers' Association. He expressed sympathy with Zaheer's work and added that his Art Club had identical principles. Krishna Rao, of course, may not be aware of the political complexion of Zaheer and his association; but it seems

advisable to pass the information on to you.

Yours sincerely

C. G. Krishnamurthy

A.V. Ramanathan Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Strictly Confidential

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CS 16-35-126 / Enl

D 26/5/36

Re: A. V. Krishna Rao.

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am desired to invite your reference to the Correspondence ending with your D.O. letter no. S.B. 232/35-36 dated the 16th April 1936, and to forward for your information a copy of a letter dated 25th May 1936 since received from the Residency regarding the individual referred to.

Yours Sincerely

(Chief Sec)

(I.G. of Police)

26th May 1936

Strictly confidential.

2690/C.B 16-35-126

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Re: A. N. Krishna Rao.

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am desired to invite your reference to the correspondence ending with your D.O. letter No.S.B. 232/35-36 dated the 16th April 1936, and to forward for your information a copy of a letter dated 25th May 1936 since received from the Residency regarding the individual referred to.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secy.

F.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Confidential
D.O.No.F.132/1936.

Bangalore, 10th September 1936.

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The Indian Progressive Writers' Association.

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My dear Mr. Kesavaiengar.

Will you please refer to the correspondence ending with my strictly confidential demi-official letter No.F.67/1936, dated the 25th May 1936. Flag C (CS 16-35-154)

2. More detailed information has now been received from the Government of India about the Indian Progressive Writers' Association, which held its first conference at Lucknow simultaneously with the annual session of the Indian National Congress in April 1936. Since then S.S. Zaheer, the General Secretary, and other members of the Executive Committee have been active in forming local branches of the Association; and such branches are known to exist in Aligarh, Allahabad, Andhra, Calcutta, Delhi, Gujrat, Hyderabad (Deccan), Poona and the Punjab. The Association has also contacts in a number of other educational centres.

3. This Association owes its origin to an association of the same name formed in London about a year ago. The London Association is closely connected with and to a great extent controlled by the British section of the International Union of Revolutionary Writers. S.S. Zaheer, the Secretary of the Association in India, was one of the signatories to the original manifesto defining the aims of the Association when it was first started in London.

4. The proclaimed aims of the Association are comparatively innocuous and suggest that it concerns itself solely with the organisation of journalists and writers and the promotion of interest in literature of a progressive nature. Its inspiration, however, comes from and it has close contacts with organisations and individuals who are in some cases avowed and active Communists, and in others are advocates of policies akin to those of the Communists. There is reason to believe that the Association has already attracted interest and some support from persons of an intellectual type who are unlikely to have any sympathy with Communism or other revolutionary theories. The Association is, however,

a typical example of the methods now being pursued by Communists in all countries in accordance with the current policy of the Communist International. This method is for a few convinced and trained Communists to establish contacts with all sorts of organisations and societies having interests in intellectual, cultural and social subjects with the object of spreading communistic ideas and gaining converts. Though it is not suggested that the Indian Progressive Writers' Association as a body is necessarily a subversive or revolutionary organisation, it is desirable for the reasons given that its development should be watched with some suspicion and that it should be approached with caution by individuals who do not wish to be involved in extremist left wing politics.

Yours sincerely

B.T. Kesaviengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Draft to G.G.P. submitted. (The paper may perhaps be perused by the Second Member also)

GGA 12/9

Yes. MK

Subd.

2nd member) MK 14/9

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MK 14/9/36.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
14 SEPT. 1936
NO. 1809

679 CS 16-35-153

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

In continuation of the correspondence ending with Mr. A. V. Ramanathan's D.O. letter No. 2690/C.B. 16-35-126 dated the 26th May 1936, I am desired to forward for your information a copy of confidential D.O. letter No. F.131/36 dated the 10th instant received from the Residency communicating the further particulars regarding the Indian Progressive Writers' Association.

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F. A. Hamilton, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.